

Borough of Rocky Hill

Council Minutes

January 18, 2005

A regular meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Nolan at 7:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country and a moment of silent meditation. It was announced that this meeting has been advertised in the Somerset Spectator issue of December 31, 2004 in accordance with “The Open Public Meetings Act”.

Roll Call:

Present

- Mr. Richard Batchelder
- Ms. Connie Hallman
- Ms. Peggy Harris
- Mr. George Morren
- Mr. Jared Witt
- Mr. Edward Zimmerman

Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting held on December 20, 2005 were approved as presented with a motion by Ms. Hallman, second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

The Executive Session Minutes of December 20, 2005 were approved as presented with a motion by Ms. Hallman, second by Mr. Zimmerman. On a roll call vote Mr. Batchelder, Ms. Hallman, Ms. Harris, Mr. Morren and Mr. Zimmerman voted aye. Mr. Witt abstained.

The minutes of the Reorganization Meeting held on January 3, 2005 were approved as presented with a motion by Mr. Morren, second by Ms. Hallman. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 3, 2005 were approved as presented with a motion by Mr. Morren, second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Public Comment

Nothing at this time.

State Police Report

SGT. Jordon of the NJ State Police reported seven new Troopers have been assigned to the Hamilton Station and Rocky Hill is receiving better coverage. He also said the Station Commander is trying to start a Community Policing Program in Rocky Hill again. SGT. Jordon was told if any Borough help is needed contact Councilmember Morren.

Transfers in the 2004 Municipal Budget

Mr. Batchelder moved by Resolution the following transfers:

To account #1134-04 Street Lights \$431.00

From account #1139-04 Sanitation \$311.00

From account #1301-04 Park Ser. \$120.00

Second by Ms. Hallman. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Bill List

Mr. Batchelder presented the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS THE TREASURER HAS CERTIFIED THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY SAID VOUCHERS: BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. Second by Ms. Hallman. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #1 for the Bill List.

Committee reports

Administration & Records: Mr. Witt reported Borough Records approved for disposal have been shredded.

Buildings & Grounds; No report

Finance & Insurance: Mr. Batchelder explained to Councilmembers the Budget process for 2005 and stated a workshop meeting will be held Thursday February 3, 2005 at 7:00PM at Borough Hall. A second meeting will be scheduled February 10, 2005 if necessary.

Public Safety/ Emergency Services: Mr. Morren reported one parking summons was issued by our Constables in December and the Borough portion of Court receipts for December was \$5926.00. He also said new agreement with South Bound Brook Borough for police service in 2005 is almost complete.

Streets & Roads: No report

Water, Sewer, & Environmental Protection: Ms. Hallman said 2,800,000 gallons of water was pumped during December 2004 and all tests are O.K.

Council Rep. to Planning Board: New members took the oath of office and the following were elected to offices: Chairman Charles Pihokken, Vice Chairman John Yuchmow, and Secretary Catherine Cann. The Planning Board

appointed for the year 2005 Ms. Valerie Bollheimer Attorney for the Board and Ms. Susan Kimball Planner for the Board.

Council Rep. to Board of Education: No report

Council Rep. to Board of Health; No report

Zoning Official: No report.

Special Business

Emergency Services Leaders Johanna Snedeker, Captain Rocky Hill Rescue Squad, and Todd Harris, Chief Rocky Hill Fire Co. #1 gave their respective reports on the activities of their organizations. Both organizations have 16 active members and have served our community well during 2004.

Mayor Nolan thanked both organizations for their service to the citizens of Rocky Hill and the surrounding area.

Mr. Dean did not appear before Borough Council to discuss a property tax payment.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, second by Ms. Hallman introduction on first reading of ORDINANCE 1-05 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL.” On a roll call vote all present voted aye. The Public Hearing and final adoption will be held on Tuesday February 22, 2005 at 7:30PM at the Borough Hall. See appendix #2 for the ORDINANCE.

Mr. Morren moved the Resolution authorizing the Clerk and Engineer to advertise to receive bids for a contractor to provide solid waste collection services for the Borough, second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. Bids are to be received by 4:00PM Wednesday March 30, 2005 at Rocky Hill Borough Hall. See appendix #3 for the Resolution.

Communications

They were discussed and ordered filed.

Unfinished Business

Nothing at this time.

New Business

The settlement agreement between Rocky Hill Borough and NJ DEP concerning problems with water tests was moved for approval by Mr. Zimmerman, second by Mr. Morren. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. Mr. Cruz will review the agreement and will contact NJ DEP to discuss the penalty.

Mayor Nolan and Borough Council discussed and gave priority numbers to many items to be addressed in 2005 for purposes of budgeting.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, second by Ms. Hallman to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of possible litigation and personnel. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. 9:14PM

Mr. Zimmerman moved, second by Ms. Hallman to return to Public Session. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. 9:40PM.

Mayor and Borough Council instructed Mr. Cruz to prepare an Ordinance to set fees for copying public records requested by the public.

Public Comment

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43PM with a motion by Mr. Batchelder, second by Ms. Hallman. On a voice vote all present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.
Borough Clerk